

CASE OF HESPERIAN LIFTS BERLIN HOPE

Denial Vessel Was Torpedoed
Expected to Influence Favorably U. S. Opinion.

MR. WILSON IS PRAISED
FOR HIS SELF-RESTRAINT

Berlin Bases Disclaimer on Absence
of Submarine and the Explosion Itself.

BERLIN, September 15, via London 12:40 p.m.—In the German government's explanation of the Hesperian case Germany sees the way made clear for "President Wilson's ultimate position regarding the German note concerning justification for the sinking of the Arabic."

The newspaper declares that the British press must give up its hopes of exposing differences between Berlin and Washington. It praises President Wilson for having refused to be influenced by British reports of a new menace to German-American relations, which had just been guided into a more peaceful channel, and adds:

"The President's cool self-containment is now justified. The British tissues of lies is at last torn to pieces, and if anything remains of the entire question of responsibility for the misfortune it probably will rest immediately, as we expected, on one of Britain's excellent anchored mines."

Blame Placed on Mine.

The German government, in a note from the foreign office to Ambassador Gerard, delivered at noon yesterday, made a qualified disclaimer of responsibility for the sinking of the steamship Hesperian. On the face of the evidence thus far at hand the government is satisfied that the Hesperian was not sunk by a German submarine.

The German position, as semi-officially stated, follows:

"As we are informed from a competent source, the news already received, taken in connection with facts officially known, seems to exclude almost absolutely the possibility that a German submarine could under any circumstances have been concerned in sinking the British passenger steamer Hesperian."

No U-Boat in Vicinity.

"Firstly, according to the prearranged distribution, no German submarine should have been on September 4 in that part of the ocean in which the Hesperian sank."

"Furthermore, the explosion, according to descriptions received from British sources, was of such a nature as to indicate from its effects that it was rather that of a mine than of a torpedo."

"The circumstances that, according to these descriptions, the vessel was near the bow and that the bow compartments filled with water goes to confirm this assumption."

The note contains, in addition to the statements thus made semi-officially, a paragraph to the effect that all the submarine boats were at sea September 4 have not yet returned, but that there is no reason to expect that any of them will supply will change the situation.

The note is a simple recital of the facts as the German government sees them, without any expression of sentiment or comment on the German submarine policy.

Political Leaders Hopeful.

It is believed here that the Hesperian note will go far toward removing one factor of possible tension in the German-American negotiations regarding submarine warfare.

The political leaders of Germany express themselves as confident that the possibility for future error or accident with respect to the sinking of liners without warning has been minimized. They hope that the Arabic case may be settled on the basis of Germany's offer to refer the question of reparation to The Hague, and that the difficulties with the United States over the submarine question, if they still exist, may be eliminated by reason of the instructions issued to submarine commanders, which are in clear, well defined form.

State Department officials, commenting today on the disclaimer of the Berlin government that the Canadian liner Hesperian was torpedoed, said that insufficient evidence had been received upon which to base representations to Germany at this time. From the facts at hand, it was said, no opinion could be formed as to whether the Hesperian was torpedoed or struck a mine.

Official reports have made no reference to statements of passengers on the liner that large pieces of metal were found on the decks of the vessel, which might furnish evidence determining whether the ship was the victim of a mine or a torpedo. If it should be determined that the Hesperian struck a mine, officials say there would be no means of fixing responsibility for placing the mine.

CREDIT MEN AT LUNCH AT THE EBBITT HOUSE

Washington Association to Send Delegation to Richmond Conference in November.

Members of the Washington Association of Credit Men gathered at the Ebbitt house at noon today and held their initial luncheon following the summer recess. It was preceded by a short business session at which plans for a new department of credit work were outlined, and the committee also decided to participate with the Virginia associations in a meeting at Richmond, Friday, November 5.

The Washington association expects to send a delegation to this conference. The secretary reported today that the committee on membership had reported favorably the applications for membership from The Evening Star Newspaper Company, Crovo & Price, John C. McInerney and C. F. Wilkins Sons & Co. At the conclusion of the luncheon an address was delivered by W. H. Ramsey of the Department of Justice, who is in charge of the investigation now being made by the department into the operation of the bankruptcy act throughout the United States.

Mr. Ramsey presented a great many facts and figures showing the operation of the act, the expense of administration of bankruptcy estates and other matters of interest to credit men.

In the absence of President McKee, the meeting was in charge of the vice president, A. J. May, while a committee of which Carl C. Mueller is chairman, had charge of the luncheon.

GOLD CERTIFICATES TO N. Y.

\$110,000,000 Worth Exchanged by Treasury for European Coin.

About \$110,000,000 in gold certificates of large denominations, principally for the use of American bankers who have received shipments of gold from Europe, has been shipped to New York in the last three months by the Treasury Department. There have been five shipments of \$20,000,000 each and one of \$10,000,000, mostly in \$10,000 notes.

Bankers who import the gold prefer the certificates to the metal. American gold coin imported is exchanged immediately for certificates; European coin is melted at the mint and then paid for in the same way.

Capt. John W. Wilen Dead.

Word has been received by the War Department of the death in San Francisco Monday of Capt. John W. Wilen of Martinsburg, W. Va. His body will be brought to Arlington national cemetery for interment. Capt. Wilen was thirty-eight years old, was a graduate of West Point and had seen service in the Philippines.

Goes to Observe Fleet's Work.

Rear Admiral Benson, chief of operations, has gone to Fort Monroe, Va., to join the Atlantic fleet and observe target practice on the southern drill grounds. Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the fleet, has been in conference with Secretary Daniels at the Navy Department about plans for war game maneuvers next month.

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HEARTILY INDORSES CITY TESTIMONIAL

Commissioner Newman Would
Honor Bands Giving Free
Concerts.

Enthusiastically indorsed by Commissioner Newman, who returned to Washington today from a month's vacation in the Catskill mountains, the suggestion that Washingtonians stage an outdoor festival late in October in honor of the government bands that have played in the public parks this summer today gave promise of developing into a reality.

It is understood that officials of the bands will be sounded out as to sentiment in the organizations concerning the proposed entertainment, and if the musicians relish the idea of being guests of the city at a big municipal outing, a committee will be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Idea Appeals Strongly.

Commissioner Newman said that the idea appealed to him strongly, and that he would be glad to take up with his colleagues on the board the matter of appointing a committee on arrangements should it decide to go ahead with the project.

One suggestion is that a silver loving cup, appropriately inscribed, be presented to each band. This would require an expenditure of money and it is proposed to acquire the necessary funds by "passing the hat" among the hundreds of citizens that will be expected to attend the celebration.

Another suggestion is that the festival be attempted on a non-expense basis; that testimonials on parchment, expressing the gratitude of the citizens of Washington for the entertainment furnished them by the bands, be presented to each musical organization.

The band numbers would be made by the president of the board of Commissioners and an honorary committee to be appointed for the purpose.

Some Proposed Features.

So much for the formalities of the occasion. The entertainment proposed will consist of a field meet, feats in horsemanship consisting of races and, possibly, a mule race, and a short polo contest. The program, it is suggested, should be started on the polo field, around which it will be possible for hundreds of vehicles to congregate. The band numbers would occupy the seats of honor, as the games and contests are to be staged primarily for their entertainment.

It is likely that the festival, if held, will be arranged for the last Saturday afternoon in October. It is suggested that the event might grow into an annual festival, as municipal entertainments in the National Capital at that season of the year are rare.

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